

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A buckle comprising:

a female body formed with a flat housing and a male body having flexible insertion legs which are engaged with each other by insertion, each of the female body and the male body having a front surface, a rear surface, and right and left side faces, and

having butting portions including straight portions and a concave portion or a convex portion, which are formed on at least one ~~the front surface of the front and rear surfaces of each of~~ the female body and or the male body; and butting portions including straight portions, which are formed on the right and left side faces and continuous to the straight portions of said butting portions including the straight portions and the concave portion or the convex portion, and at least one straight portion, which is formed on the other surface of the front and rear surfaces and is continuous to the straight portions formed on the right and left side faces, when the female body engages with the male body,

wherein the concave portion or the convex portion is formed at a center of the butting portions sandwiched by the straight portions,

the convex portion in the butting portions protrudes in a trapezoidal form in which a front end is slightly narrowed, while the concave portion is concavely dented in the trapezoidal form with the inlet expanded,

peripheral corners of the straight portions on the front and rear surfaces
continuous from the concave portion or the convex portion formed at the center of the
female body or the male body and peripheral corners of the straight portions on the right
and left side faces are notched so as to form a one level lower stepped portion, which is
capable of being fitted into the butting portion of the female body or the male body in a
manner of overlapping.

the female body and the male body are thereby formed closely in contact at the butting portions,

a guide member is protruded linearly from a center of a front end of the concave portion or the convex portion of the male body, and

partition pieces for guiding the guide member on a same line as an axis line of the guide member are provided on an inner surface of the housing of the female body.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (previously amended). The buckle according to claim 1, wherein butting portions comprising straight portions and the concave portion or the convex portion are formed on both front and rear surfaces of the female body and the male body.

Claim 4 (original). The buckle according to claim 1, wherein the butting portions comprising the straight portions and the concave portions or the convex portion are formed on one surface of the female body and the male body, and on the opposite surface, linear-form butting portions are formed.

Claims 5-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (original). The buckle according to claim 1, wherein the butting portion of the female body is formed by the straight portions and the concave portion and the butting portion of the male body is formed by the straight portions and the convex portion.

Claim 8 (original). The buckle according to claim 1, wherein the butting portion of the female body is formed by the straight portions and the convex portion and the butting portion of the male body is formed by the straight portions and the concave portion.

Claim 9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (original). The buckle according to claim 8, wherein the concave portion provided at the center of the male body is formed concavely up to a belt through hole, while the convex portion of the female body is extended to the belt through hole.

Claim 11 (previously amended). The buckle according to claim 8, characterized in that the concave portion disposed at the center of the male body is formed concavely up to the belt through hole, while the convex portion of the upper plate of the female body is extended to a top surface of the belt through hole or a top surface of a hooking rod.

Claim 12 (cancelled).